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**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS  
TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP**

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**July 25, 2006  
Minutes**

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**THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF THE MINUTES OF THE TRANSPORTATION CONFORMITY WORKING GROUP. AN AUDIOCASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.**

The meeting was held at the SCAG office in Los Angeles.

**Present**

Sam Alameddine  
Debbie Anderson  
John Asuncion  
Rosemary Ayala  
Khalid Bazmi  
Grace Balmir  
Jennifer Bergener (Chair)  
Ben Cacatian  
Paul B. Fagan  
Carol Gomez  
Larry Gonzales  
Guoxiong Huang  
Mona Jones  
Maria Lavario  
Phillip Law  
Marge Lazarus  
Keith Lay  
Ken Lobeck  
Tony Louka  
Maria Martin  
Court Morgan  
Olufemi Odufalu  
Dan Phu  
Jonathan Nadler  
Eyvonne Sells  
Dennis Serafico  
Arnie Sherwood  
Dave Speirs  
Carla Walecka  
Leann Williams  
Andrew Yoon

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**Via Teleconference**

Mike Brady	Caltrans Headquarters
Jackie Clayton	Caltrans Dist. 11
Herman Gallo	Caltrans Headquarters
Eileen Gallo	ARB
Maureen El Harake	Caltrans Dist. 12
Mike Hudson	City of Montclair
Sandy Johnson	Caltrans Dist. 11
Marnie Kadez	IBS Consulting
Karina O'Conner	EPA Region 9
Eddie Torres	RBF
Dennis Wade	ARB

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER**

Jennifer Bergener, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

**2.0 WELCOME/INTRODUCTIONS**

**3.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

There were no public comments.

**4.0 CHAIR REPORT**

There was no report.

**5.0 CONSENT CALENDAR**

**5.1 Approval Item**

**5.1.1 Approve Minutes of June 1, 2006**

MOTION was made to APPROVE the June 2006 Minutes with correction to the spelling of the last name of Grace Balmir.

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**6.0 INFORMATION ITEMS**

**6.1 RTIP Update**

Rosemary Ayala, SCAG, stated that the public review of the Draft 2006 RTIP closes today at 5:00 p.m. The comments staff has thus far received have been compiled in a matrix and emailed to the TCWG. A number of comments were received from the Federal Highway Administration, Caltrans, Ventura County Air-Pollution Control District, and other interested parties.

SCAG's Executive Committee is scheduled to take action on the Draft 2006 RTIP on Thursday July 27, 2006 at 8:00 a.m. The draft is due to Caltrans August 1<sup>st</sup>; the deadline to the federal agencies is September 1, 2006.

**6.2 RTP Update**

Phillip Law, SCAG, gave an update on the Draft Amendment to the 2004 RTP to add the SBx Bus Rapid Transit Project in San Bernardino County. A public hearing was held at SCAG on July 6 and the public comment period closed July 7. Four comments were received; however, they were not in reference to the SBx project. Nevertheless, the comments have been responded to. The Executive Committee will also consider adopting this amendment on Thursday July 27, 2006.

**6.3 TCM Update**

Jonathan Nadler, SCAG, stated that comments were received regarding TCMs in the 2006 RTIP from federal agencies and they are being resolved.

Mr. Nadler also provided a brief update on the work of the TCM subgroup. The TCM Subgroup recently met and was provided revised excerpts from the 2003 AQMP. Another TCM subgroup meeting will be held this afternoon at 1:30p.m. to further refine the TCM portion of the included in the South Coast AQMP.

**6.4 AQMP Update**

SCAQMD is finalizing base year model runs, working with CARB on control strategies. Expect to release draft AQMP in October or November 2006.

**6.5 Qualitative PM Hot Spot Analysis Review**

Three projects were reviewed by the group: SBD713 (I-215); ORA052 (FTC-S), and LA996137. The qualitative PM hot spot analyses for all of these projects were deemed to be adequate.

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A few items of note came out of the review of these projects. First, if reviewed by the group and then released for the required NEPA public comment period, the analysis does not need to come back to the group unless there are substantive changes due to comments received.

Second, FHWA and U.S. EPA requested that future analyses include a discussion of the expectation that diesel PM emission rates will be going down over time. It was agreed that a “boilerplate” discussion should be prepared which can then be used by all project proponents. Mike Brady, Caltrans, and Dennis Wade, CARB, agreed to work on write-up that may be used for future analyses.

Third, it was discussed that the POAQC indicators that are used for the interagency review forms are used to determine whether a qualitative analysis is needed or not. Once the qualitative analysis is required, overall trends in air quality and emissions become more important than the indicators used for the form.

**6.6 PM Hot Spot Requirement Review**

The Working Group considered 14 interagency review forms to determine whether the projects were of air quality concern and required a qualitative PM hot spot analysis. The review concluded the following:

RIV45661	Not a POAQC - hot spot analysis not required
RIV020907	Not a POAQC - hot spot analysis not required
SBD20620	Not a POAQC - hot spot analysis not required
SBD200434	Not a POAQC - hot spot analysis not required
RIV041052	Not a POAQC - hot spot analysis not required
SBD31290	Not a POAQC - hot spot analysis not required
SBD200021	Exempt - hot spot analysis is not required
RIV990703	Exempt - hot spot analysis is not required
ORA000195	Not a POAQC - hot spot analysis not required
RIV32300	Not a POAQC - hot spot analysis not required
RIV62034	Not a POAQC - hot spot analysis not required
SBD1830	Not a POAQC - hot spot analysis not required
SBD20020812	POAQC - requires qualitative hotspot analysis
RIV62031	Not a POAQC - hot spot analysis not required

General comments on the reviews were the need to include clearer project descriptions (e.g., instead of just saying “widening” say “adding two through lanes”) including project length.

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Another item of note was that we are looking at projects as a whole as opposed to individual segments since individual segments may have differing vehicle counts.

**6.7    Information Sharing**

Jennifer Bergener, Chair, stated there was an off-line discussion with a subgroup of TCWG members on July 21<sup>st</sup> about the PM Hot Spot requirement review process - how to streamline it and better address the process in general. Jean Mazur provided a summary of the meeting, including the following items: creating a list of contacts at the Commissions and Caltrans who will collect and forward the interagency forms to SCAG; holding a weekly subgroup teleconference for a time to deal with those projects that have otherwise concluded the NEPA process; considering categories of projects that may be considered to generally not be POAQC; preparing draft procedural documentation to bring to the TCWG; working with air agencies to get air quality monitoring information; and setting up a workshop to inform local agencies of the PM hot spot requirements and process undertaken by the TCWG.

**7.0    ADJOURNMENT**

Jennifer Bergener, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

The next TCWG meeting will be held on **Tuesday, August 22, 2006 at SCAG's office.**